

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The following listing of claims will replace all previously pending claim sets.

- 1 1. (Presently amended) A system for mounting a component to an instrument body
2 comprising:
3 a locking stud body comprising a plate and an aperture portion and configured to
4 be coupled to the instrument body component having a stud aperture at each end of the
5 component; and
6 a mounting ~~device~~ stud comprising a top portion and a threaded lower portion, the
7 threaded lower portion configured to being positioned in the stud aperture portion of the
8 locking stud body, where the mounting ~~device~~ stud holds the component in position
9 between the top portion of the mounting ~~device~~ stud and a the plate of an insert mounted
10 into the instrument body.
- 1 2. (Presently amended) The system of claim 1 wherein the ~~insert further comprises an~~
2 aperture portion is threaded ~~configured~~ to accept the threaded lower portion of the
3 mounting ~~device~~ stud.
- 1 3. (Presently amended) The system of claim 1 wherein the ~~insert~~ locking stud body
2 further comprises a bottom portion configured to allowing the ~~insert~~ locking stud body to
3 be disposed within the instrument body.
- 1 4. (Presently amended) The system of claim 3 wherein the bottom portion is threaded,
2 the threaded bottom portion allowing the ~~insert~~ locking stud body to be adjustably
3 coupled to the instrument body.
- 1 5. (Original) The system of claim 1 wherein the component is a combination bridge
2 and tailpiece of an instrument.

1 6. (Original) The system of claim 1 wherein the component is a bridge of an
2 instrument.

1 7. (Original) The system of claim 1 wherein the component is a tailpiece of an
2 instrument.

1 8. (Cancelled)

1 9. (Presently amended) The system of claim 1 & further comprising an adjustment
2 screw, the adjustment screw configured to being positioned in ~~the~~ an adjustment screw
3 hole of the component to laterally position the component relative to the ~~insert~~ locking
4 stud body and the mounting stud.

1 10. (Cancelled)

1 11. (Original) The system of claim 1 wherein the plate is square-shaped in order to
2 accept a wrench.

1 12. (Presently amended) A method for mounting a component having stud apertures to
2 an instrument body comprising:
3 positioning the component such that each stud aperture is aligned with a plate of a
4 locking stud body ~~an insert~~; and
5 clamping the component in place between the plate and a mounting stud device.

1 13. (Presently amended) The method of claim 12 further comprising ~~mounting~~ coupling
2 the locking stud body ~~insert~~ having the plate into an aperture of the instrument body.

1 14. (Presently amended) The method of claim 12 wherein the clamping further
2 comprises fastening the mounting stud ~~device~~ into an aperture portion of the locking stud
3 body insert.

1 15. (Presently amended) The method of claim 12 further comprising adjusting the
2 locking stud body insert relative to the instrument body to adjust the height of the
3 component relative to the instrument body.

1 16. (Original) The method of claim 12 further comprising laterally adjusting the
2 component by rotating an adjustment screw into or out of an adjustment screw hole.

1 17. (Presently amended) A ~~mounting apparatus~~ method for mounting a component to
2 an instrument body comprising:
3 providing a locking stub body~~an insert~~ having a plate and an aperture portion; and
4 providing ~~means~~ a mounting stud for clamping the component in position between
5 the plate and a the mounting stud ~~device~~.

1 18. (Presently amended) The ~~system~~ method of claim 17 wherein the mounting stud
2 ~~device~~ ~~further~~ comprises a threaded lower portion, the threaded lower portion configured
3 to be fastened into the aperture portion of the locking stud body~~insert~~.

1 19. (Presently amended) The ~~system~~ method of claim 17 wherein the locking stud
2 body~~insert further~~ comprises a bottom portion, the bottom portion allowing the locking
3 stud body~~insert~~ to be adjustably coupled to the instrument body.

1 20. (New) The method of claim 17 further comprising providing an insert configured to
2 be positioned between the instrument body and the locking stud body.

1 21. (New) The system of claim 1 further comprising an insert configured to be
2 positioned between the instrument body and the locking stud body.

1 22. (New) The method of claim 12 further comprising positioning an insert between the
2 instrument body and the locking stud body.